

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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RE-VITAL AS A FOOD SUPPLEMENT

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that M/s Ranbaxy had been selling their product Re-vital as a food supplement;
- (b) if so, whether a case was filed against Ranbaxy for selling this product as food supplement; and
- (c) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a): The licensing of food is done by the State Governments

The Central Committee for Food Standards (CCFS), which is a statutory body under PFA Act, 1954, in its meeting in February, 1995, recommended that 'Gingseng' may be termed as food for Special Dietary use or in the preparation of therapeutic foods without any medical claims. The recommendation is not related to specific product 'Revital'. 'Gingseng' is a herbal root extract and is one of the ingredients of 'Revital'.

(b) & (c) : The Central Government has not filed case against Ranbaxy in this regard.